



Northern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group

Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 2:00pm
Washoe County Health District
1001 East Ninth St., Conference Room B
Reno, NV

MINUTES

Members Present: Jennifer Howell, Doug Hodges, Steve Daugherty, Janet St. Amant, Gwen Taylor, Theron Huntamer, Robert Ashley

Absences Excused: Nedy Tollerstad

Guests Present: Emma Bohannon, Sarah Almaraz, Jenna Bieber, Tory Johnson, M. Thomas Blissett, Samantha Penn, Mary Karls

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Co-chair Doug Hodges called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. A quorum was established.

2. **Public Comment**

Lyell introduced Tory Johnson as the new HIV Section Manager at the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health. Tory comes to Nevada from St. Louis. He was worked in HIV for 20 years.

Samantha Penn was introduced by Lyell as the Evaluation/Quality Assurance for HIV Prevention and Ryan White Part B.

3. **Review/Approval of Minutes from April 26, 2017**

Updated minutes were provided for review. New categories on the membership grid were included. It was moved by Robert Ashley and seconded by Theron Huntamer to approve the minutes. Motion passed. One abstention.

4. **Ongoing Evaluation of Integrated HIV Plan**

Lyell reported that the Integrated Plan committee met to review and provide input on the goals and objectives outlined in the plan. Information was supplied to the evaluation staff at the Center for Program Evaluation for admission into the monitoring plan.

5. **Future/Anticipated HIV Prevention Funding**

The new HIV prevention and surveillance funding opportunity announcement was released yesterday. Lyell has met with Danika Williams, the HIV Surveillance Coordinator, to organize which sections would be addressed by which program. Funding will be divided as two budgets, one for Prevention and one for Surveillance along with an overall statewide budget. Representatives from WCHD, SNHD and the state will meet for 3 days in July to write the proposal as a group. The proposal will address the 11 strategies

outlined in the funding announcement. One strategy includes PrEP implementation. SNHD is currently implementing a PrEP program with some resources and support provided by the state. Lyell will check for a requirement of a Letter of Concurrence from the planning group. There may be an increase in funding, but due to the current uncertain budget climate, a final amount is unknown. Funding is anticipated to be level funding and if an increase is received, program budgets will be adjusted accordingly.

Steve asked about the PrEP program funding and participant costs. Lyell discussed SNHD's program and plans for program expansion. SNHD has its own pharmacy and bills insurance to gain program income. Testing and other services are then provided to clients. Pharmacy benefit programs provide assistance for clients to cover co-pays or cost of meds up to a capped amount depending on the client's insurance status. Jen mentioned that HOPES does provide PrEP and navigation of the assistance programs. WCHD currently refers people to HOPES and is looking to see how PrEP can be implemented in the future. A discussion continued on the negative outcomes of PrEP versus the benefits, including increased STDs among those that are on PrEP.

6. New Membership Applications

Sarah Almaraz has submitted a membership application requesting representation of youth, ages 13-24. Sarah states that she can commit to at least one year. Sarah has interned with WCHD, working on the mail order condom distribution program. She has experience in organizing events and in the Greek system at UNR. Sarah reports that she would like to participate on the PPG because she would like to work in sexual health and her internship opened up opportunities. Sarah does not report any conflicts. Lyell moved to accept her application and was seconded by Doug. Motion carried unanimously.

Jenna Bieber has submitted a membership application requesting representation of young adults, 25-34. She stated that she can make a two year commitment, as her husband is in the military and his orders for duty at Lake Tahoe were extended for two years. During her internship, Jenna worked on advocacy for comprehensive sexual health education at the local and state levels. Jenna would like to work in the sexual health and looks to the planning group as a way to network and gain experience. Lyell made a motion to accept the application and it was seconded by Doug. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Agency Updates

Washoe County Health District: Jen reported that due to staffing limitations, there may be delays in working on projects. Stacy Hardie, Program Supervisor for HIV at WCHD will retired at the end of July. The new supervisor will likely be managing the HIV and TB programs.

WCHD will be participating in Pride on July 22nd. HOPES will likely be providing testing in their mobile unit. Heat may be a challenge to providing rapid tests as well.

Emma reported the Sassabration will be taking place on July 15th in Carson City.

Gwen announced a Prescription Drug Seminar on Friday, August 18th. CEUs will be available for MFTs, Social Workers and LADCs. The event will be held from 9am-1pm with a continental breakfast. This event has been made possible by a mini-grant from JTNN. Norris Dupree will be discussing prescription drugs and counseling. Sherria Taylor will be presenting on family dynamics. Reno PD will be presenting on data. A person in recovery will present as well.

Emma reported that 15 people will be attending USCA in September in Washington DC. Scholarships have been provided to: five people living with HIV, three are providers from the North, five are providers from Southern Nevada, and two are members of the Medical Advisory Committee. As a requirements, attendees must attend a preconference training, participate in a debriefing, and report out on what was learned during the conference. All costs are covered through prescription drug rebate funders that includes hotel deposits, per diem for food costs and travel.

8. Public Comment

Emma said her goodbyes to the group as she is leaving for graduate school in San Francisco in August.

9. Adjournment

There was a motion by Lyell Collings to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Robert Ashley. Motion passed unanimously.